

development policies, plans and programs. The majority of the Board's 18 members are senior scientists from universities and provincial agencies; the other members are senior executives from Canada's fisheries and marine industries.

The Food Prices Review Board was appointed by the Government of Canada on May 28, 1973, to publish quarterly economic analyses of food price movements; and to inquire into the causes of particular food price increases in any class of food products, and to issue reports thereon with all dispatch including recommendations where the Board considers it appropriate to make them. On August 21, 1973, the Board was also asked to inquire into any increases in the price of any food item where such increase may be unwarranted and, where the Board deems necessary, to publish a report thereon without delay.

The Board consists of five members including a chairman, all appointed by the Governor in Council. It has two branch offices to answer consumer complaints, one in Vancouver and the other in Halifax.

Foreign Claims Commission. By Order in Council PC 1970-2077 of December 8, 1970 the Canadian government established the Foreign Claims Commission to inquire into property claims made by Canadian citizens and the Government of Canada against foreign countries which may, from time to time, be referred to the Commission by the government. The reference is made after the government has negotiated a financial agreement with the foreign country. The Commissioners submit reports and recommendations regarding each claim to the Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Minister of Finance, stating whether, in the opinion of the Commissioners, each claimant is eligible to receive a payment under regulations promulgated from time to time by Order in Council. Up to December 31, 1973 claims against Hungary, Romania, Poland and Czechoslovakia had been referred to the Commission.

Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation. This Corporation was established under the Freshwater Fish Marketing Act of 1969 (RSC 1970, c.F-13) and given the function of marketing and trading in fish, fish products and fish by-products in and out of Canada with the objectives of ensuring more orderly marketing for the benefit of the whole fishery and achieving higher and more stable prices for the catch. The Corporation receives a grant for initial operating and establishment expenses but conducts its operations on a self-sustaining basis without parliamentary appropriations; it is financed by bank loans with government guarantee of repayment, or by direct loans. The Corporation consists of a board of directors composed of a chairman, a president, one director for each participating province and four other directors appointed by the Governor in Council for a term not exceeding five years. The Corporation reports to Parliament through the Minister of State (Fisheries).

General Adjustment Assistance Board. This Board administers the General Adjustment Assistance Program (GAAP), established in 1968 (SC 1967-68, c.34) and revised in 1971, as well as the Program for the Adjustment of the Footwear and Tanning Industries (PAFTI) established by Order in Council PC 1974-478. The programs help manufacturers take advantage of export opportunities or improve their ability to compete with imports. Financial assistance is available in the form of insured loans under the GAAP program or grants and direct loans under the PAFTI program. The Board is composed of members from both private industry and government; it reports to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

Grains Group. In 1970 the Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board (the Minister of Justice at present) organized the Special Advisory Group on Grains (Grains Group) to co-ordinate, review and recommend federal policies for grain production, transportation and handling, and marketing. The Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board serves as the Chairman of the Grains Group. A Group Co-ordinator and three advisers for the areas of production, transportation and handling, and marketing are drawn from the federal Departments of Agriculture; Industry, Trade and Commerce; and the Canadian Transport Commission and the railways. The offices of the Grains Group are in Ottawa.

Halifax Relief Commission. The Halifax Relief Commission was established (SC 1918, c.24) to carry on the work of the Halifax Relief Committee, formed by citizens following the explosion in Halifax on December 6, 1917. The Commission, in addition to conducting inquiries into the losses and damage which resulted from the explosion, is charged with the administration of relief funds. The Prime Minister is responsible for the Commission, but its financial arrangements are made through the Minister of Finance.

Heritage Canada. Established under Part II of the Canada Corporations Act (RSC 1970, c.C-32), Heritage Canada is a national trust independent of government. It is concerned with the conservation of buildings, sites and natural and scenic areas of importance to the country's heritage. Its work is financed by memberships, contributions and the interest on an endowment fund to which the federal government granted \$12 million. Heritage Canada seeks to enlist the support of the general public, foundations and corporations; membership is open to anyone.

Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. This Board was established in 1919 and now operates under authority of RSC 1970, c.H-6. The Historic Sites and Monuments Act provides for 15 members — two representatives each from Ontario and Quebec and one from each of the eight other provinces — appointed by the Governor in Council, together with the Dominion Archivist, one representative from the National Museums of Canada and one from the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, as ex officio